



AQIM Issues Demands for Release of French Hostage January 10, 2010

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "The Mujahideen's Demand to Release the French Hostage" Released on: January 10, 2010



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"Praise Allah and the prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and followers, and thereafter:"

"In abiding with the words of Allah's messenger, prayer and peace upon him: 'Release the sufferer,' and in seeking to deter the vicious Crusader campaign that targets Islam and its people, the mujahideen have decided to inform the French and Malian governments with their only demand in exchange for the release of the French hostage Pierre Camatte, which is the release of our four prisoners who were detained by the government of Mali numerous months ago."

"We give France and Mali a period of 20 days that begins with the publishing date of this statement, to respond to our legitimate demand, and at the end of the period both governments will be fully responsible for the life of the French hostage...and he who warned is excused."

"And we call the French public opinion and the family of the hostage to pressure the Sarkozy government and deter it from committing the same idiocy that was committed by Golden Brown towards the British citizen."

"Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest"

Dearness to Allah, His messenger and the believers

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